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Affan Kurniawan

Affan Kurniawan (18 July 2004 – 28 August 2025) was an Indonesian online motorcycle taxi driver. He became widely known after he died when a Brimob tactical vehicle ran over him during a labor demonstration in front of the Indonesian Parliament building (DPR), Jakarta, on 28 August 2025.[1][2]

Affan Kurniawan

Born	18 July 2004 Bandar Lampung, Indonesia
Died	28 August 2025 (aged 21) Jakarta, Indonesia
Nationality	Indonesia
Occupation	Online motorcycle taxi driver
Known for	Victim of a tactical vehicle incident involving Brimob during a demonstration in Jakarta, 2025

Early life

Affan Kurniawan was born in Bandar Lampung on 18 July 2004.[2] He lived with his family in a rented house in the Menteng area of Central Jakarta. He was the main breadwinner for a family of seven, including his parents and siblings.[2]

Career

Before working as an online motorcycle taxi driver, Affan worked as a security guard. He later joined Gojek, considering it a more flexible job that could better support his family's needs.[2]

Death incident

On 28 August 2025, Affan was delivering a food order near Bendungan Hilir, Central Jakarta, when he became caught in the chaos of a labor demonstration in front of the Parliament building. While trying to cross the street, he slipped and was run over by a speeding Brimob tactical vehicle. He was taken to Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital but did not survive.[2]

Aftermath of demonstration with the Affan's poster at Pasar Rebo, 30 August 2025

Impact and response

Affan Kurniawan's death drew widespread sympathy. The online transportation company he worked with, Gojek (PT GoTo Gojek Tokopedia Tbk.), announced that it would

provide compensation to his family and had assisted with ambulance, autopsy, and medical examinations.[3] Grab Indonesia also expressed condolences and provided support and compensation to the family.[3]

Indonesian National Police Chief General Listyo Sigit Prabowo personally apologized to Affan's family during a hospital visit at Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital.[4] Police Professional and Security Division (Propam) head Inspector General Abdul Karim stated that seven Brimob officers from Metro Jaya were under investigation, while Metro Jaya Police Chief Inspector General Asep Edi Suheri apologized and affirmed that responsible officers would be held accountable.[4]

International media Channel News Asia (CNA) reported that the seven Brimob officers were temporarily detained and that external oversight was involved to ensure accountability. The demonstration was led by labor unions demanding higher wages, the cessation of layoffs, and stronger anti-corruption policies.[5]

Personal life

Affan was known as a kind, friendly, quiet, and hardworking individual. Together with his older sibling, he was a primary supporter of his family.[2]

See also

- Mohamed Bouazizi, Tunisian street vendor whose death by self-immolation was the catalyst for the Tunisian revolution and the subsequent Arab Spring, as well as the Arab Winter which followed it

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